



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET



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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Part B of the English 33 Diploma Examination has 70 questions in the Questions Booklet and 10 reading selections in the Readings Booklet.

**BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE AN ENGLISH 33 QUESTIONS BOOKLET AND AN ENGLISH 33 READINGS BOOKLET.**

**YOU HAVE 2 HOURS TO COMPLETE THIS EXAMINATION.**

You may **NOT** use a dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference materials.

On the ANSWER SHEET provided, use an HB pencil **ONLY** to mark the **CORRECT** or **BEST** answer for each question as shown in the example below.

**Example**

**Answer Sheet**

Which month has 31 days?

- A.** February
- B.** April
- C.** November
- D.** December

A	B	C	D
①	②	③	●

Mark only one answer for each question. If you change an answer, erase your first mark completely. Answer all questions.

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**I. Read “Things Will Be Different for Us” on pages 1 and 2 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 1 to 6.**

1. Sue wants to discuss “ ‘more important things’ ” (lines 11-12) because she
  - A. lacks interest in mechanics
  - B. wishes to co-ordinate her summer activities
  - C. needs to discuss marriage arrangements with Tom
  - D. wants to know about Tom’s intentions for the future
  
2. The statement “Now she looked different” (line 34) is further developed by the writer in lines 34 to 36 by the use of
  - A. comparison and contrast
  - B. specific examples
  - C. cause and effect
  - D. logical reasons
  
3. The statement “ ‘It’s just that I expected too much out of marriage’ ” (lines 42-43) implies that when Tom’s sister got married, she was
  - A. naive
  - B. practical
  - C. confused
  - D. affectionate
  
4. Tom “wanted to get out of the house” (line 56) because he
  - A. didn’t want to be late for work
  - B. didn’t like to see his sister’s tears
  - C. felt uncomfortable with the situation
  - D. felt nauseated by the child’s sickness

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5. After her talk with her brother (lines 68-70), Tom's sister feels
- A. satisfied
  - B. thankful
  - C. fortunate
  - D. comforted
6. Which of the following statements MOST STRONGLY suggests that Tom will marry Sue in spite of his sister's warning?
- A. "Her eyes sparkled, and she smiled her dynamite smile." (lines 16-17)
  - B. "'I don't think you got married too soon.'" (line 62)
  - C. "Well, I can't predict the future." (line 84)
  - D. "Why should we wait a long time to get married?" (lines 84-85)



**II. Read “The Quilt Maker” on page 3 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 7 to 13.**

7. The phrases “At fifteen” (line 1) and “In her ninetieth year” (line 39) serve to
- A. contrast the value of youth and age
  - B. determine the change of roles in life
  - C. provide a time frame within the poem
  - D. suggest the nature of the woman’s experience
8. The fact that the woman retained her individuality in her relationship with her husband is BEST illustrated in
- A. “When she married a ball player” (line 4) and “she travelled with him willingly” (line 5)
  - B. “When the desire to farm possessed him” (lines 7-8) and “she left off playing” (line 10)
  - C. “He told stories and laughed a lot” (line 12) and “She joined in the merriment” (line 13)
  - D. “When his quick temper flared” (line 14) and “she fought back” (line 15)
9. The contrasting behavior described in lines 12 to 15 serves to
- A. suggest theme
  - B. provide setting
  - C. develop character
  - D. establish conflict
10. The word “deft” (line 17) means
- A. skilful
  - B. forceful
  - C. purposeful
  - D. resourceful

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11. The pronoun “hers” (line 27) refers to the word
- A. “career” (line 27)
  - B. “machine” (line 29)
  - C. “corner” (line 29)
  - D. “popcorn” (line 30)
12. That the woman “never questioned that hers was a fulfilling career” (lines 26-27) suggests that, for her,
- A. other opportunities were unavailable
  - B. life had been a satisfying experience
  - C. farming had been financially rewarding
  - D. marital responsibilities had been burdensome
13. Which of the following statements BEST illustrates the main idea of the poem?
- A. Happiness and satisfaction depend upon one’s attitude to life.
  - B. A knowledge of practical skills adds comfort to existence.
  - C. Material possessions do not determine individual worth.
  - D. A love of beauty enhances one’s appreciation of life.



- III. Read the excerpt from “The Curse Of The Little Round Cans” on pages 4 to 6 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 14 to 21.**
- 14.** The word “conniving” (line 28) means
- A. deprived
  - B. scheming
  - C. fun-loving
  - D. affectionate
- 15.** The phrase “Only in America” (line 98) suggests that the writer’s attitude toward North American society is
- A. tolerant
  - B. mocking
  - C. patriotic
  - D. hypocritical
- 16.** The writer MOST DIRECTLY suggests a contrast between American and Russian values in
- A. “ ‘It happens,’ Kane shrugs, good-naturedly. Only in America” (line 98)
  - B. “In fact, only in America is so much fuss made about cat food” (line 99)
  - C. “He explained the whole palatability concept to them as they stared at him” (lines 101-102)
  - D. “ ‘They asked me what we did with the pelts’ ” (line 103)
- 17.** The “relish factor” (line 105) is associated with feline
- A. anger
  - B. hunger
  - C. anticipation
  - D. playfulness
- 18.** The “plop factor” (line 112) is important to cat owners because it represents
- A. convenience
  - B. economy
  - C. quality
  - D. status

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19. The writer's attitude toward her own pets is one of
- A. veiled disgust
  - B. amused tolerance
  - C. unlimited affection
  - D. complete indifference
20. The writer suggests that the cat food industry is successful because it recognizes that
- A. qualified researchers are available
  - B. cat owners want to cater to their cats
  - C. people are more affluent in today's world
  - D. balanced nutrition has been achieved for cats
21. According to the writer, cat food manufacturers are MOST typical of those in our society who attempt to
- A. take advantage of an opportunity to make a profit
  - B. find economical solutions to modern problems
  - C. improve the health of household pets
  - D. ensure that no food is wasted

**IV. Read the excerpt from “A Very Merry Christmas” on pages 7 to 9 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 22 to 30.**

22. Father Gorman’s statement “ ‘They’d take it to mock us, of course, and to desecrate the church’ ” (line 35) suggests that he
- A. has an uncharitable attitude
  - B. cannot imagine who the culprit might be
  - C. hopes to discover the identity of the thief
  - D. knows that his enemies do perform such deeds against the church
23. Mrs. Farrel is “angry and mortified” (line 71) because she fears that
- A. she will have to disclose her son’s actions to the priest
  - B. her reputation as a pillar of the church has been marred
  - C. she has failed to fulfil her obligation to her son
  - D. her rigorous discipline has been to no avail
24. The writer suggests the innocence of the boy’s intentions in the phrase
- A. “could hardly keep up” (line 62)
  - B. “tried to lean back” (line 63)
  - C. “was a dead weight” (lines 63-64)
  - D. “steady pair of fine blue eyes” (line 77)
25. In lines 114 to 122, O’Meara reacts to the boy’s explanation. This reaction is foreshadowed when O’Meara is described as
- A. “the old caretaker who had helped to prepare the crib” (lines 4-5)
  - B. “[an] old man, who . . . always felt very close to God” (lines 12-13)
  - C. “ ‘[saying] a few prayers’ ” (line 27)
  - D. “unimportant and simple-minded” (line 84)
26. Mrs. Farrel’s comment “ ‘I’ve tried to drum respect for the church into him’ ” (line 93) is ironic because Jimmie
- A. doesn’t feel guilty
  - B. always behaves properly
  - C. has more faith than his mother
  - D. honors his mother and the priest

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27. When Jimmie removes the figure of the Infant Jesus and takes it for a ride, his motivation is a desire to
- A. demonstrate his courage
  - B. use his Christmas present
  - C. fulfil his solemn commitment
  - D. seek forgiveness for his sins
28. Father Gorman and Mrs. Farrel are similar PRIMARILY in their
- A. rudeness to others
  - B. harsh judgments of others
  - C. appreciation of religious traditions
  - D. understanding of each other's responsibilities
29. The term "role reversal" describes a character's acting in a manner contrary to expectations. That O'Meara demonstrates role reversal as a result of circumstances is evident in
- A. "he was puzzled and silent for a while" (line 41)
  - B. "He . . . shook his head in wonder" (lines 87-88)
  - C. "O'Meara . . . had a feeling of great joy" (lines 114-115)
  - D. "O'Meara turned to Mrs. Farrel . . . and said, commandingly" (lines 119-120)
30. Despite the difference in their ages, Jimmie and O'Meara are similar PRIMARILY because they both
- A. fear Father Gorman's anger
  - B. exhibit attitudes of devotion
  - C. recognize Mrs. Farrel's disapproval
  - D. are capable of establishing loyal friendships

**V. Read about Robin's experiences with financial matters on pages 10 to 15 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 31 to 38.**

- 31.** Robin's present financial situation and his desire to acquire financial information is revealed in
- A.** M
  - B.** N
  - C.** P
  - D.** Q
- 32.** Some practical tips on ways to put aside a portion of one's income are offered in
- A.** O
  - B.** P
  - C.** Q
  - D.** R
- 33.** Which document will assist Robin in determining his present financial status?
- A.** N
  - B.** O
  - C.** P
  - D.** Q
- 34.** The document that provides Robin with suggestions on how to obtain further information on finances is
- A.** N
  - B.** O
  - C.** P
  - D.** R
- 35.** The document that will help Robin understand some basic financial concepts is
- A.** O
  - B.** Q
  - C.** S
  - D.** T

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36. Which document requires that Robin consider both the present and the future?
- A. N
  - B. P
  - C. Q
  - D. R
37. If Robin wants complete assurance that his investment is a safe one (S), he should
- A. deal only with chartered banks and trust companies
  - B. thoroughly investigate the background of each financial institution
  - C. be certain that his investment is protected by CDIC or by the government
  - D. be sure that his financial institution guarantees \$60,000 insurance for each account
38. What is the MOST IMPORTANT factor in the information on financial institutions (T) that an investor should consider?
- A. Depositors should be familiar with the protection offered by CDIC.
  - B. Depositors should understand the details of existing deposit insurance.
  - C. In some institutions, individuals join together to benefit all members of the group.
  - D. It is the depositors' responsibility to ensure that their investments are secure.



- VI. Read the first draft of Robin's letter to a financial consultant on pages 16 and 17 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 39 to 43.**
- 39.** In paragraph 3, the added details “information” and “investments” provide
- A. unity
  - B. clarity
  - C. sincerity
  - D. originality
- 40.** To correct what Robin has drafted as the last sentence in paragraph 3, he should
- A. delete the words “such as”
  - B. provide more relevant information
  - C. combine it with the previous sentence
  - D. correct the capitalization in the words Canada Savings Bonds
- 41.** In paragraph 4, Robin has revised the contractions “I’d” and “I’ve” in order to create a tone that is more
- A. sincere
  - B. formal
  - C. personal
  - D. informal
- 42.** Throughout the letter, Robin's revisions are MAINLY in
- A. tone
  - B. punctuation
  - C. word choice
  - D. paragraph unity
- 43.** From the sources on pages 10 to 15, which documents might assist the financial consultant when considering Robin's needs?
- A. M and T
  - B. N and O
  - C. P and Q
  - D. R and S

**VII. Read “All” on page 18 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 44 to 49.**

44. The phrase “frayed conversations” (line 14) implies that the family group has lost its
- A. control
  - B. innocence
  - C. objectivity
  - D. spontaneity
45. The word “trying” (line 15) suggests that the family members feel that relating to one another is becoming
- A. difficult
  - B. impossible
  - C. unnecessary
  - D. uncomplicated
46. The detail of the camera (lines 9 and 25) emphasizes the significance of
- A. remaining youthful
  - B. maintaining contact
  - C. preserving moments
  - D. acquiring possessions
47. The change from “awkward and older” (line 13) to “young and laughing” (line 27) suggests that the family has
- A. forgotten its past
  - B. resolved its conflicts
  - C. maintained its naive idealism
  - D. recaptured its original identity

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48. The poet uses the word “say” repeatedly throughout the poem to indicate the
- A. problems of family life
  - B. monotony of family conversation
  - C. distress of a moment of family turmoil
  - D. ritualization of a shared family experience
49. The poet suggests that families are bonded MAINLY by
- A. parents
  - B. children
  - C. reunions
  - D. experience



**VIII. Read the excerpt from “The Failure” on pages 19 to 21 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 50 to 55.**

50. The purpose of the stage directions in lines 14 and 15 is to emphasize Nora’s lack of
- A. status in the household
  - B. interest in Philip’s return
  - C. sympathy for Mrs. Weaver
  - D. concern for her housekeeping chores
51. Mrs. Weaver’s desire to “keep it quiet” (line 29) indicates that she is
- A. worried about maintaining her reputation
  - B. anxious about financial security
  - C. expressing a motherly concern
  - D. eager for household unity
52. The reason that Peter is Mrs. Weaver’s favorite son is that he has
- A. gained community respect
  - B. achieved financial success
  - C. respected his mother’s advice
  - D. shared his prosperity with his family
53. Mrs. Weaver’s remarks about marriage and happiness (lines 60-61) reveal that she thinks a wife need NOT
- A. love her husband
  - B. obey her husband
  - C. share with her husband
  - D. compete with her husband
54. In the Weaver family, Nora has apparently been regarded as a
- A. guest
  - B. sister
  - C. servant
  - D. daughter
55. Throughout this scene Mrs. Weaver is presented as a woman who views education as a
- A. practical necessity
  - B. privilege of the wealthy
  - C. mind-expanding experience
  - D. potential hindrance to success

**IX. Read “Importance” on pages 22 and 23 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 56 to 61.**

- 56.** The MAJOR characteristic of Mrs. Hermosilla del Fresno that is revealed in lines 1 to 13 is her
- A. charity
  - B. conceit
  - C. curiosity
  - D. cleverness
- 57.** Mrs. Hermosilla del Fresno introduces her relatives with “a half smile and an aloof glance” (line 12) because she
- A. wishes to distance herself from them
  - B. hopes to make them feel less embarrassed
  - C. finds making introductions a wearisome task
  - D. reluctantly admires their amusing social behavior
- 58.** The relatives MOST CLOSELY resemble Mrs. Hermosilla del Fresno when they
- A. “[try] on her jewellery, her furs” (line 53)
  - B. “[play] host to the city’s important widows” (lines 54-55)
  - C. “smile the way she used to smile” (line 58)
  - D. “sully her memory with coarse, rude jokes” (lines 61-62)
- 59.** At the end of the story, Mrs. Hermosilla del Fresno comes to understand Hell as being
- A. insanity
  - B. corruption
  - C. immortality
  - D. powerlessness

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60. The writer implies that Mrs. Hermosilla del Fresno's punishment is
- A. just
  - B. tragic
  - C. unfair
  - D. insufficient
61. The writer's repeated references to Mrs. Hermosilla del Fresno by her entire name reinforces the story's
- A. ironic theme
  - B. foreign setting
  - C. surprise ending
  - D. suspenseful plot



**X. Read “Interview With A Youth Careers Officer” on pages 24 and 25 of your Readings Booklet and answer questions 62 to 70.**

- 62.** The officer appears to be upset that Harry had searched the Help Wanted ads because the ads
- A.** compete with the officer’s job
  - B.** print information about menial jobs only
  - C.** do not meet the specifications of the Youth Careers Office
  - D.** tend to lead young boys into job situations they can’t handle
- 63.** The quotation that BEST conveys the sarcastic nature of the officer is
- A.** “Now lad, come on, stand up straight, no slouching, what can I do for you?” (lines 2-3)
  - B.** “I’m here to find youths careers. That’s why I’m called Youth Careers Officer.” (lines 27-28)
  - C.** “And that is the sum total of your academic career?” (line 44)
  - D.** “Well, all we need to find you is a cat-burgling job. Ground floors only.” (lines 64-65)
- 64.** The statement “You can be the human end of a mechanized system” (lines 66-67) is meant to be interpreted
- A.** literally
  - B.** humorously
  - C.** sarcastically
  - D.** symbolically
- 65.** Considering the job description, the MOST LIKELY reason that the jam factory personnel “keep coming back for more” (lines 81-82) is that the
- A.** quality of workers has deteriorated
  - B.** job is boring and there is a high turnover rate
  - C.** factory keeps expanding and requires more help
  - D.** officer has a reputation for supplying good workers

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66. The statement that reveals that the job Harry has been assigned is not a necessary one is
- A. "That leaves you with labouring, or semi-skilled" (line 52)
  - B. "The driver likes someone to talk to" (line 77)
  - C. "I'll fill you in a pink form" (line 77)
  - D. "look, it's quite personal" (line 78)
67. The officer's statement "You've got to have a card" (line 85) suggests that the officer is
- A. individualistic
  - B. competitive
  - C. systematic
  - D. protective
68. In this skit, the job situation for youths may be described as being
- A. unpredictable
  - B. unchanging
  - C. promising
  - D. bleak
69. What is the playwright suggesting about officers like Arnold Baxter who have taken one or two psychology courses?
- A. Psychological training is a life-long process.
  - B. Psychology courses are essential for this job.
  - C. Courses in psychology lead to self-knowledge.
  - D. Limited psychological knowledge may be of little value.
70. The playwright suggests that Harry's attitude toward work has been shaped by
- A. his lack of credentials
  - B. his desire to do meaningful work
  - C. the influence of television and movies
  - D. the emphasis on physical education in his early years





